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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 3/6/00 (HAGERTY, H.G.) OR-P  
TAGS: UR, AF, HOPS  
SUBJECT: (S) SOVIET MAIN FORCE ACTIONS IN KUNAR REPORTED BY  
KABUL REFUGEES

1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING REPORTS, ADMITTEDLY THIRD-HAND,  
FROM WESTERN NEWSMEN HERE AND IN PESHAWAR THAT THE LATEST  
FIGHTING IN KUNAR HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY GRISLY. ACTION,  
ACCORDING TO REFUGEES WHO HAVE JUST FLED AREA, INVOLVES  
NOT AFGHAN SOLDIERS BUT RUSSIANS, WHO ARE BEING FERRIED  
ABOUT IN TROOP-CARRYING HELICOPTERS, WHO ARE BEING SUPPORTED  
BY TANKS, GUNSHIPS, JETS, NAPALM, ETC., AND WHO ARE  
SIMPLY DECIMATING ENTIRE VILLAGES, KILLING WHOMEVER THEY  
FIND THERE.

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3. ACCORDING TO NEWSMEN, SOME REFUGEES BREAK DOWN IN

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TELLING OBVIOUSLY PAINFUL TALE OF SURVIVING THIS BRUTAL SUPPRESSION BY BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT OUT, ETC.

4. NEWSMEN ARE STILL CHECKING, AND SOME ARE STILL GOING ACROSS IN FUFTI WITH EXILE BORDER-CROSSERS, BUT STORIES SOUND AUTHENTIC IN SUBSTANCE IF NOT IN DETAILS. NEWSMEN SURMISE THAT SOVIET EFFORT IS MAJOR CAMPAIGN AIMED AT REPRESSING INSURGENTS (AND EXILES) IN KUNAR AND POSSIBLY SEALING OFF THE MOST POROUS PORTION OF THE DURAND LINE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO EVALUATE INFO HERE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR CONSUL IN PESHAWAR THIS MORNING THAT HE IS RECEIVING (AND CREDITS) MUCH THE SAME BY WAY OF REPORTS.  
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